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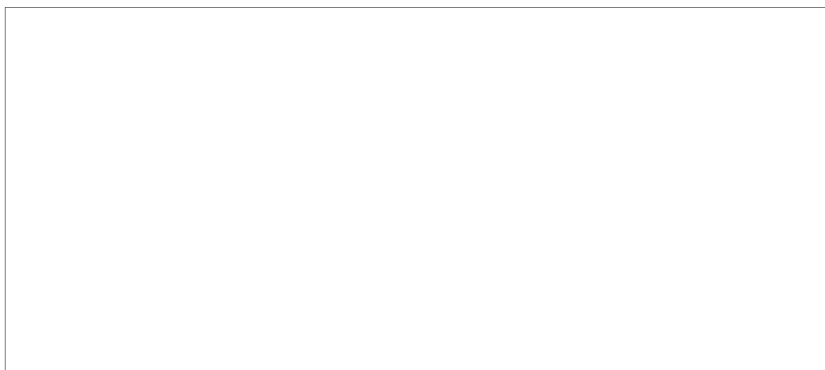
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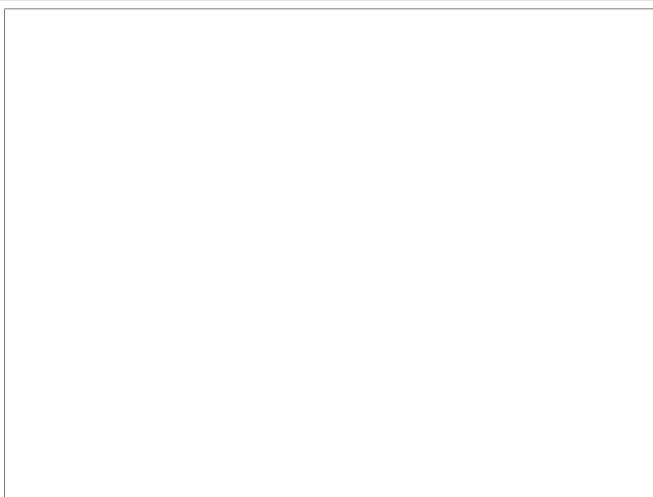
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FEDAYEEN-ISRAEL-AUSTRIA

There is a chance that the Austrian Government will reverse its decision to end group transports of Soviet emigrants to Israel and close transit facilities maintained for that purpose.

Chancellor Kreisky has already said that he would not ban the passage of individual Soviet Jews to Israel, and Austrian officials have indicated that the Schoenau transit camp, which has been a way-station for 60,000 Soviet Jews in the last two years, could not be closed without permission of the Jewish agency that runs it. Yesterday, Kreisky added that "we shall have to think very carefully about closing down Schoenau."

The Austrians run the risk of provoking more Arab terrorism on their territory if they should renege on the deal made last week with fedayeen kidnapers of some emigrating Soviet Jews. Palestinian sources have publicly hailed the kidnaping as a major success and have said it is part of a larger plan to bring to a halt emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

On the other hand, Austria will also be under strong pressure from Israel. Prime Minister Meir, who is attending today's meeting of the Council of Europe, is expected to seek support for an appeal urging the Austrians to reconsider.

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IRAQ

An underground anti-regime movement may be developing. American representatives in Baghdad recently received a copy of a tract signed by the "Secret Committee of the 30 June Uprising" which sharply attacked the regime, in particular Saddam Husayn Tikriti, number two man in the ruling Baath hierarchy. The tract, which threatened assassination of "traitors" if the direction of the Iraqi revolution and the party were not corrected, may have been the work of remnants of the group led by former security chief Nazim Kazzar which was responsible for the abortive coup last June.

The government believes this group is responsible for a rash of brutal murders recently, including those of the family of a former police chief and the father of the chief prosecutor in the trial that led to the execution of Kazzar and at least 35 others.

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NOTES

USSR-Iraq: Seven TU-22 medium bombers were [redacted] at Habbaniyah Airfield, some 40 miles west of Baghdad. The aircraft arrived in Iraq on September 20. Another seven TU-22s apparently were delivered four days later. [redacted]

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China: An editorial published in all leading newspapers honoring the founding of the People's Republic asks for "new victories" to greet the National People's Congress, but does not indicate when the congress, China's rubber-stamp legislature, will meet. Such mention of the congress suggests that it has not yet been held and that it may convene soon. The meeting will be the occasion for forming a new government, revising the constitution, and perhaps for setting out more clearly policy guidelines alluded to in published reports on the recent Tenth Party Congress.

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